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Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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- ☐ 5. The document(s) was/were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Submission of an English language version of the search report that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office

is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38.

- ☒ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Document FP4 (JP 10326732) appears to describe a detector of focal point and aligner. An English language translation of document FP4 is enclosed as document NPL2.

- ☒ 7. Copies of document FP4 and NPL2 are enclosed. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached IDS Forms are submitted.

- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

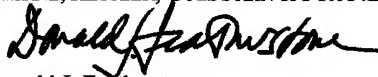
- ☐ 9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application no(s). _____ in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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2851**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOC. REF.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
	US3	6,654,660	11/25/2003	Bhanwar <i>et al.</i>			
	US4						
	US5						
	US6						
	US7						
	US8						
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	US11						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	FP4	JP 10326732	12/08/1998	Japan			(No)
	FP5						Yes No
	FP6						Yes No
	FP7						Yes No

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOC. REF.	CITATION
	NPL2	English Abstract of Japanese Patent No. 10326732, 1 page, data supplied from the esp@cenet database.
	NPL3	
	NPL4	
	NPL5	
	NPL6	

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